

recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Accordingly, we are amending 9 CFR part 78 as follows:

PART 78—BRUCELLOSIS

1. The authority citation for part 78 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111–114a–1, 114g, 115, 117, 120, 121, 123–126, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

2. In § 78.1, in the definition of *Class Free State or area*, a new paragraph (b)(4) is added to read as follows:

§ 78.1 Definitions.

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Class free State or area. * * *

(b) * * *

(4) *Retaining Class Free status.* (i) If a single herd in a Class Free State is found to be affected with brucellosis, the State may retain its Class Free status if it meets the conditions of this paragraph. A State may retain its status in this manner only once during any 2-year period. The following conditions must be satisfied within 60 days of the date an animal in the herd is determined to be infected:

(A) The affected herd must be immediately quarantined, tested for brucellosis, and depopulated; and

(B) An epidemiological investigation must be performed and the investigation must confirm that brucellosis has not spread from the affected herd. All herds on premises adjacent to the affected herd (adjacent herds), all herds from which animals may have been brought into the affected herd (source herds), and all herds that may have had contact with or accepted animals from the affected herd (contact herds) must be epidemiologically investigated, and each of those herds must be placed under an approved individual herd plan. If the investigating epidemiologist determines that a herd blood test for a particular adjacent herd, source herd, or contact herd is not warranted, the epidemiologist must include that determination, and the reasons supporting it, in the individual herd plan.

(ii) After the close of the 60-day period following the date an animal in the herd is determined to be infected, APHIS will conduct a review to confirm that the requirements of paragraph (b)(4)(i) have been satisfied and that the State is in compliance with all other applicable provisions.

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Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of March 1999.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 78

[Docket No. 98–097–2]

Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Mississippi

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the brucellosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of cattle by changing the classification of Mississippi from Class A to Class Free. We have determined that Mississippi meets the standards for Class Free status. The interim rule relieved certain restrictions on the interstate movement of cattle from Mississippi.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule became effective on October 7, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective and published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1998 (63 FR 53780–53781, Docket No. 98–097–1), we amended the brucellosis regulations in 9 CFR part 78 by removing Mississippi from the list of Class A States or areas in § 78.41(b) and adding it to the list of Class Free States or areas in § 78.41(a).

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before December 7, 1998. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 78

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Hogs, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

PART 78—BRUCELLOSIS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR part 78 and that was published at 63 FR 53780–53781 on October 7, 1998.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111–114a–1, 114g, 115, 117, 120, 121, 123–126, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97–NM–87–AD; Amendment 39–11097; AD 99–07–12]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747–100, –200, and –300 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Boeing Model 747–100, –200, and –300 series airplanes, that requires repetitive inspections to detect cracking of certain lower lobe fuselage frames, and repair, if necessary. This amendment is prompted by reports indicating that fatigue cracks were found in lower lobe frames on the left side of the fuselage. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct fatigue cracking of certain lower lobe fuselage frames, which could lead to fatigue cracks in the fuselage skin, and consequent rapid decompression of the airplane.

DATES: Effective May 5, 1999.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director